



James Robert Skinner

May 22, 1922 - May 24, 2015

Obituary of James Skinner

James Robert Skinner passed away peacefully on May 24, 2015. He was 93 years old and lived a very full life.

Jim was born on May 22, 1922 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the eldest of five children and is survived by his sisters Mary and Ruth, and brother Richard. He met his wife, Colene in Cleveland, Ohio, married her on November 9, 1946, and enjoyed 63 years of marriage until she passed away in 2009. Jim moved to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1953. There he raised his six children; Diane, Susan, Lori, Paula, Bobby and Brian. He began his construction career as a flag pole painter, eventually working as a successful swimming pool contractor for most of his life.

Jim was a World War II veteran having enlisted in the United States Marine Corps upon graduating from high school in 1942. He participated in campaigns in the South Pacific including battles at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and Iwo Jima. He received a Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Commendation Medal, and Purple Heart. Jim recently returned from Iwo Jima where he participated in the 70th anniversary of Iwo Jima's surrender to US troops.

Jim was an athlete in high school and remained active throughout his life. He spent many years coaching his children, and later coached many

high school athletes. He enjoyed running, swimming and triathlons. The latter part of Jim's life was spent training and competing in the National Veterans Golden Age Games and Senior Games. He was a fierce competitor and took great pride in his athletic prowess and success.

Jim moved to The Villages in 2005. For the next ten years of his life, he enjoyed an active lifestyle making many new friends. He is loved and will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 10:30 AM at St. Timothy Catholic Church, The Villages, FL. Inurnment will be in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL at 12:30 PM.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Jim was great to me when I was a kid. He took me on trips to Florida for diving.

Joe Geiss - April 08, 2017 at 06:00 PM

AS

“ James Robert Skinner

Anne Swenson - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the family of James Skinner: My your Dad Rest in Peace... We delivered meals to him from the North Lake Church. He was so excited to be going on his trip to Hiro Jima... he told us he was so happy to be going. We thank him for his Service to our Country.. Both our daughter and son were in the Air Force, so we know how proud you were of your Dad and brother.

Jim and Kay Milne - July 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. I met Jim at North Lake Pres. church. He was in my exercise class and we enjoyed him very much. God Bless, Judy and Mervin Marshall

Judy Marshall - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ James Robert Skinner

Tracey Sullivan - June 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *My deepest sympathy for your family. I had the pleasure of knowing your father thru Paula. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Tracey*

Tracey Sullivan - June 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *###GESTURE###*

Tracey Sullivan - June 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Robert Skinner*

May 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM